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CALFED  
Liberty Island Acquisition

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Re: Amendment to Agreement No. 1425-AA-20-16270 Liberty Island Land  
Acquisition

Dear Lester:

In January, 1999 the CALFED Ecosystem Roundtable Subcommittee approved an amendment to the above referenced agreement for the acquisition of Liberty Island by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service). The following tables represent the currently approved costs and the requested revised 2 percent cost increase associated with this project. The cumulative increase in costs from the original approved grant of \$8,577,000 to \$8,926,000 is \$349,000 or approximately a 3.9 % increase.

## ORIGINAL COST ESTIMATES TO IMPLEMENT THE PROPOSED PROJECT

Project Phase	Direct Salary and Benefits	Service Contracts	Misc. & Other Direct Costs	TOTAL COSTS
Full Purchase	\$20,000	\$77,000	\$8,500,000	\$8,747,000

## AMENDED COST ESTIMATES (2%) NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE APPROVED PROJECT

Project Phase	Direct Salary and Benefits Costs	Direct Service Contracts Costs	Direct Costs for Land Purchase	Indirect Budget and Administrative Costs	TOTAL COSTS
Full Purchase	\$85,000	\$176,000	\$8,500,000	\$165,000	\$8,926,000
Net Change	+\$65,000	+\$99,000	0	+\$15,000	+\$179,000

In order to expedite the acquisition of Liberty Island and obligate the \$8,500,000 in CALFED monies, the Service has proposed to assign the Grant and


its option to the Trust for Public Land (a non-profit organization). The additional costs necessary to complete the project include: the planning process (\$45,000); contaminants report (\$4,000); survey (\$12,000); dual closing/title costs (\$30,000); a federally mandated non-profit audit (\$8,000); defray the budget and administrative costs (\$15,000); and to cover direct salary and benefit costs for the Trust for Public Land and the Service (\$85,000) associated with the acquisition of Liberty Island.

If our request is approved, the Service in cooperation with the Trust for Public Land plans to complete the acquisition of Liberty Island in July, 1999. The landowner is currently threatening litigation if we do not expedite and finalize this acquisition. The Trust for Public Land will hold and manage the property until the Service completes its planning process this fall. At that time the Trust for Public Land will then donate the property to the United States to be managed as a part of the National Wildlife System.

We are requesting that the above referenced agreement be amended to reflect the additional 2 percent increase in costs for a total of \$8,926,000. We also request that the completion date for this project be amended to December 31, 1999. We look forward to completing this worthwhile project. With CALFED's assistance, the Service will be able to permanently protect and restore approximately 4,760 acres of important Delta habitat for the benefit of winter-run chinook salmon, Delta smelt, Sacramento splittail, and other native fishery resources. This acquisition will also protect riparian corridors, and wetlands that support water-associated birds, neotropical migrants, and other species.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Howard K. Stark or Stephen M. Dyer at the above address or at (916) 979-2085.

Sincerely,



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